

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

Khrushchev speaks to
Soviet Central Committee

The session is closed to the press, but we are getting the first passages of an advance text being distributed by TASS to the Soviet regional press. These passages at least are devoted to agriculture, the announced topic of the meeting. They contain, however, an attack on "enemies" who have criticized the Soviet Party Program adopted last fall; it appears to us to be another slap at the Chinese.

1. West New Guinea problem

a. Sukarno has agreed to secret preliminary talks with the Dutch without preconditions, although he told Jones "to me these secret talks are a preparation for formal talks about the transfer of administration" to Indonesia. He also agreed to a third party, preferably American, to be named by U Thant.

b. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Djakarta is moderating its inflammatory public line. 50X1

c. The last Indonesian arms shopping mission to Moscow came back emptyhanded. [redacted] 50X1
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2. Congo

Prospects for bringing Tshombe and Adoula together are worsening as extremists in both camps pressure the two leaders toward harder positions. Adoula is threatening to use military force if the Katanga problem is not solved by the end of the month, a move which could be disastrous for him. Tshombe is still stalling on implementation of the Kitona agreement and is not satisfied--our Consul thinks justifiably--with guarantees so far advanced by Leopoldville for his safety at a meeting with Adoula.

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4. Ne Win scraps Burmese constitution

His government clearly intends to stay in power for some time. In his earlier takeover in 1958, however, he had the grudging support of all political elements except the Communists; this time civilian politicians were unanimously against military rule, and the army itself not fully united. While opposition is presently disorganized by the suddenness and efficiency of the coup, it may coalesce around U Nu, who still retains widespread national popularity.

5. France-Algeria

The rebel government, apparently now satisfied that De Gaulle can and will bring the OAS under control, has decided to resume negotiations. These will open tomorrow and may go on for a week. Issues outstanding are the composition of the provisional government, release of prisoners, and rate of withdrawal of French troops; the first two could prove tricky. The OAS made a show of strength in Algiers this morning with a hundred-odd plastic bomb explosions at dawn.

NOTES

- A. We have no further word from Laos on Souvanna's negotiations with Souphannouvong. Admiral Felt is to see Phoumi [] tomorrow. 50X6
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- B. A second-generation ICBM was successfully fired from Tyuratam to Kamchatka Saturday night; there is some possibility it may have overshoot the target area. There have been five previous tests of this missile this year, all successful. []
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- C. We have some indication that the long-delayed Soviet space shot may be postponed again. [] 50X1
- D. [] Soviet flight [] has
[] been carried out in the Berlin air corridors this morning, without incident. There were no flights yesterday. 50X1
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- E. President Goulart, who is considering whether to call off his visit to Washington in the face of adverse US press comment on expropriations, is reported in the Brazilian press to have ordered his Ambassador in Rome, Hugo Gouthier, to take soundings in Washington.

DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

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